

## Message Text

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FM AMEMBASSY SAN SALVADOR

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 4752

INFO AMEMBASSY GUATEMALA

AMEMBASSY MANAGUA

AMEMBASSY SAN JOSE

AMEMBASSY TEGUCIGALPA

AMEMBASSY PANAMA

USCINCSO

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E.O. 11652 - N/A

TAGS: PFOR, ES, PN, US

SUBJECT: LOCAL REACTION TO SECRETARY'S PANAMA TRIP

USCINCSO FOR POLAD

1. LIMITED EDITORIAL COMMENT APPEARING IN LOCAL PRESS ON VISIT OF SECRETARY KISSINGER TO PANAMA WAS RESTRAINED BUT GENERALLY FAVORABLE TO US. MORNING DAILY LA PRENSA GRAFICA TERMED US PRESENCE IN CANAL ZONE A "SHAMEFUL RESIDUE" OF TEDDY ROOSEVELT'S "COLONIALIST POLICY". NOTING THAT ALL LATIN AMERICANS SUPPORTED PANAMA IN ITS STRUGGLE TO REGAIN SOVEREIGNTY OVER THE CANAL ZONE, IT VIEWED THE KISSINGER-TACK AGREEMENT AS A STEP TOWARD SOLUTION OF THE PANAMA PROBLEM. BOTH THE LA PRENSA GRAFIC AND DIARIO DE HOY EDITORIALS IMPLIED THAT THE AGREEMENT MIGHT HELP TO NEUTRALIZE THE PANAMA ISSUE AT THE UPCOMING MEXICO MEETING OF FOREIGN MINISTERS. THE MORE CONSERVATIVE, COMMUNIST-BAITING DIARIO DE HOY, HOWEVER, STRESSED THAT GEOGRAPHY HAD CREATED A "COMMON ECONOMIC AND MILITARY FRONT" STRETCHING FROM THE

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ISTHMUS TO CANADA. IT WAS, THEREFORE, IN THE COMMON INTEREST

TO DENY ACCESS TO PANAMA TO "ANY ENEMY".

2. USIS-SUPPLIED VIDEOTAPE COVERAGE OF KISSINGER VISIT WAS  
BROADCAST ON PRIME TIME BY LOCAL TELEVISION STATION ON FEB  
8. SUBSEQUENTLY LOCAL NEWS PROGRAM USED USIS-PRODUCED  
NEWSCLIP ON TWO ADDITIONAL BROADCASTS.  
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